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President's Quarterly Message—Louis Russell

From the President's Desk September 2026

Dear Society Members

Greetings to Clan Henderson Society Members!

I am writing this in late August. The summer is beginning to wane, and the grandkids are heading back to school. However, at least in Iowa, the summer heat has not subsided, and high humidity contributes to heat stress. Sometimes I wonder how our ancestors survived hot, humid summers wearing wool clothing and without air conditioning. They were a tough lot, indeed!

There have been some changes in leadership positions to announce.

Chief of the Bodyguard

Harry Keiffer has been the Chief of the Bodyguard for the last decade. He was instrumental in maintaining the Bodyguard and initiated training for new Bodyguards. He is committed to the Society, and his service is appreciated. Please join me in thanking Harry for his leadership.

In addition, I am pleased to announce that Ed Hendrix has agreed to accept the position of Chief of the Bodyguard. Ed resides in Demorest, Georgia and has actively supported Clan Henderson Society for many years. He has been a member for 35 years and served as the Southeast Regional Commissioner for many years. Please join me in thanking him for continued service to the Society and congratulating Ed on his new position.

Southeast Regional Commissioner

MaryLane Henderson has served as the Regional Commissioner in the Southeast for many years. As the RC, MaryLane made it a point to participate in as many of the regional Highland events as she could, ensuring that Clan Henderson was represented. She was always ready to help conveners, recruit new conveners, and host multiple Annual General Meetings.

Please join me in thanking MaryLane for her service and leadership.

In addition, I am pleased to announce that Frances Kalk has agreed to assume leadership and has been appointed Regional Commissioner for the Southeast Region. Frances and her husband, Rick, reside in Simpsonville, South Carolina. They are active conveners and have been Clan Henderson members for over a decade. Please congratulate Frances on her new position.

Website Manager

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I would also like to recognize Katherine Emerson for her contributions to the Society. She has done an exceptional job streamlining our website and reducing associated costs. As she is now focused on graduate studies, she is stepping back from this role. Please join me in thanking Katherine for her dedication and excellent work.

I am pleased to announce that Wesley Owen has agreed to take over as Clan Henderson Society's Website Manager. Wesley joined Clan Henderson 2 years ago. His grandmother was born a Henderson and emigrated from Scotland. Wesley resides near Salt Lake City, Utah, with his wife and 4 children. He has extensive experience managing and organizing large information sets, including extensive historical datasets. As discussed in previous An Canach issues, Greg Lamberson, VP Genealogy and DNA, is redesigning the CHS website. Wesley will play an important role ensuring information is accurately transferred from the current to the new website. In addition, he will manage and update the new website ensuring that CHS members will have one location to stay informed of Society news.

The transition will be a big undertaking, and a team of proofreaders will make the task much easier. Please consider offering to help Wesley and Greg in this process by volunteering to proofread a page or two of the new website. If you are willing to help, please contact:
Greg Lamberson at lamberson@yahoo.com
Wesley Owen at wesleyowen@gmail.com

Scholarship Endowment Fund

The Scholarship Endowment Fund has grown to $77,564.13 as of August 13, 2026. This represents continued growth of the principal plus contributions from this past year.
The goal is for the Endowment to reach $124,000, at which time it will be able to support the CHS Scholarship Program into the future.
As the end of the year approaches, consider donating to the Endowment fund. And, if you are in the position of taking a Required Annual Distribution from your IRA, you can direct some of the distribution to the CHS Endowment Fund and avoid incurring a tax liability on the donation. In addition, there have been recent changes to how the IRS treats charitable giving. For example, if you take

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the standard deduction, now you may be able to deduct a charitable cash donation. It is important to consult your tax advisor before making these decisions. Or, for additional information, contact: Isabella Brunk at Isabella.brunk@ffgadvisors.com

My Final Report

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of serving as President of Clan Henderson. My term as President will end at the end of the year. Mark Henderson will assume the position of President at the first of the year and will author the report to CHS members for the December/January issue of *An Canach*.

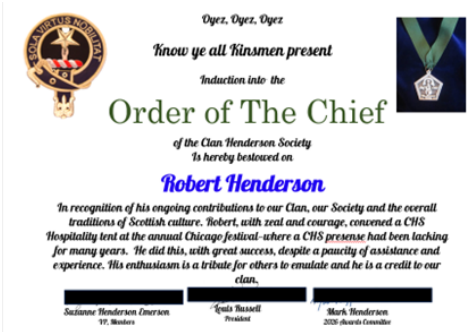
Clan Henderson Society has made many changes over the past four years, including organizational changes, updates to the By-Laws, and cost saving efforts combined with establishment of investment strategies will strengthen future financial stability.

I look forward to continued involvement in Clan Henderson Society, and I am excited for the future. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Louis Russell
President
Clan Henderson Society

Highland Games in the Southeast Region

Sept 26	North Georgia Highland Games Clayton, Ga	Alan B Henderson
Oct 3	Scotland Co. Highland Games Laurinburg, NC	Kyle & Susan Henderson
Oct 17	Crystal Coast Highland Games Beaufort, NC	Bill & Beth Henderson
Oct 17&18	Stone Mtn Highland Games	Deming Bass
	Stone Mountain	Stone Mtn, Ga
	Harry and Suzanne Kiefer	
Cancelled	Charleston Scottish Games	Mary Lane Henderson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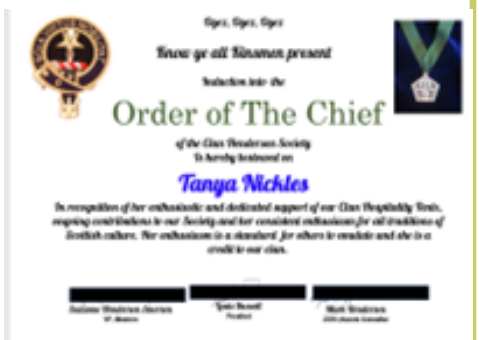
Know ye all Kinsmen present
Induction into the
Order of The Chief
of the Clan Henderson Society
Is hereby bestowed on
Robert Henderson
In recognition of his ongoing contributions to our Clan, our Society and the overall traditions of Scottish culture. Robert, with zeal and courage, convened a CHS Hospitality tent at the annual Chicago festival-where a CHS presense had been lacking for many years. He did this, with great success, despite a paucity of assistance and experience. His enthusiasm is a tribute for others to emulate and he is a credit to our clan.
Suzanne Henderson Emerson VP, Members
Louis Russell President
Mark Henderson 2026 Awards Committee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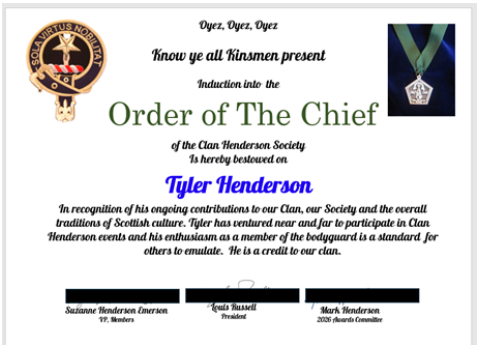
Know ye all Kinsmen present
Induction into the
Order of The Chief
of the Clan Henderson Society
Is hereby bestowed on
Tanya Nichles
In recognition of her enthusiastic and dedicated support of our Clan Hospitality Tents, ongoing contributions to our Society and her consistent enthusiasm for all traditions of Scottish culture. Her enthusiasm is a standard for others to emulate and she is a credit to our clan.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Know ye all Kinsmen present
Induction into the
Order of The Chief
of the Clan Henderson Society
Is hereby bestowed on
Tyler Henderson
In recognition of his ongoing contributions to our Clan, our Society and the overall traditions of Scottish culture. Tyler has ventured near and far to participate in Clan Henderson events and his enthusiasm as a member of the bodyguard is a standard for others to emulate. He is a credit to our clan.
Suzanne Henderson Emerson VP, Members
Louis Russell President
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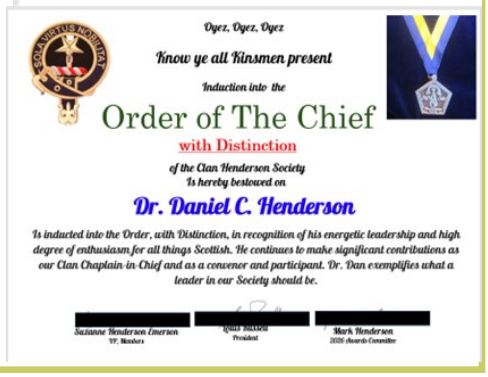
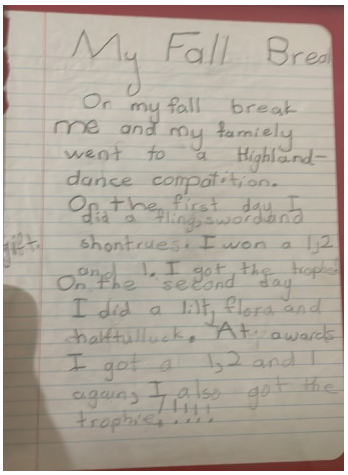

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez
Know ye all Kinsmen present
Induction into the
Order of The Chief
with Distinction
of the Clan Henderson Society
Is hereby bestowed on
Dr. Daniel C. Henderson
Is inducted into the Order, with Distinction, in recognition of his energetic leadership and high degree of enthusiasm for all things Scottish. He continues to make significant contributions as our Clan Chaplain-in-Chief and as a convener and participant. Dr. Dan exemplifies what a leader in our Society should be.
Suzanne Henderson Emerson VP, Members
Louis Russell President
Mark Henderson 2026 Awards Committee

Youth Scholarship News

Dear Clan Henderson,
I am the mom of Brynn Brown. I wanted to share with you this artwork and journal entry that Brynn did at age seven. You supported and encouraged her back when she started. You saw a little girl who loved to dance and you responded. None of us knew just how committed she would be to this hard sport. The little girl you supported is transitioning into obtaining her dance teaching certification. One day she may become an adjudicator just like her wonderful teacher Tori. Looking back, we never would have known she would have accomplished so much and keep her love for this sport. Thank you for the many members who have donated to the youth scholarship program! It truly does make a huge difference for families who needed the financial support like ours did! My cup runenth over with all the love, kindness and financial support you have shown her!
Warmly,
Michelle Brown aka Brynn's mom


My Fall Bre

On my fall break me and my famiely went to a Highland-dance compatition. On the first day I did a fling, sword and shontrues. I won a 1, 2 and 1. I got the trophie On the second day I did a 1, 1, 1, flora and halftulluck. At awards I got a 1, 2 and I aguing I also got the trophie

Gracie Christensen

July 17, 2026

Hello Clan Henderson,
I am writing this letter to thank you for so generously giving me a scholarship to help me accomplish my dreams. When I found I had received your scholarship I was honored that you chose me! I have never felt so free to do what I love! Without you I would've never been able to do all the things I've done so far this year! Besides being amazingly helpful for funding for my dancing, this has been a fun experience to feel like more people have faith in my dancing! I'm deeply gratified for the scholarship!
I just wanted to catch you up on how my dance season is going. Since applying for your scholarship, I have been able to take workshops from Diane Krugh (where I won the Award of Merit), Anne Johnson, and the Mountain West Highland Dance Association. I have been able to perform at a multicultural fashion and dance show with many backgrounds from across my state and also in a parade. I was able to travel to dance in New Mexico, Heart of the USA, Salt Lake Championship, and the Northwest Regional Championships in Seattle. I won 1st runner up in my age group at Northwest Regionals, and I qualified for Nationals! I have been working extremely hard in class and at home preparing for nationals, and I have been able to take additional private lessons to help me prepare. After nationals, I will continue to look for opportunities to keep learning and sharing our culture through dance.
Many of these things I have done so far this year wouldn't even possible for me to do without the generous support of your clan and the amazing scholarship. Wish me luck as I leave for Nationals next week! I will never be able to express my gratitude enough! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Gracie Christensen

Gracie Christensen

West Virginia Wild and Wonderful Celtic Festival, Beverly, WV on Jun 20, 2026.

Mike and Joan Henderson, long-time convenors, continued their track-record of excellence, by hosting a Henderson Hospitality Tent at the West Virginia Wild and Wonderful Celtic Festival, Beverly, WV on Jun 20, 2026. This is the first time for Clan Henderson to attend this event. Here is his report:

This was the fourth annual West Virginia Wild and Wonderful Celtic Festival and Highland
Games. We had considered convening the Henderson Tent in previous years, but it hadn't
worked out until this year. Joan and I drove to our hotel in Elkins, WV Friday afternoon
which took about six hours due to heavy traffic in the DC area. After checking in we made
the 15 minute drive to the 4H campgrounds in Beverly, WV to check out the clan area.
There were 25 sites set up around the end of the heavy athLetics field and the tent, table and chairs we ordered were in place. There was plenty of room and we were told that we could park behind our tent for the event.
We arrived back at the 4H grounds at 7:15 Saturday morning and by 8:15 had our flags, banners and displays all set up and were ready for visitors. We had beautiful sunny and cool weather with steady breezes all day. It warmed to the tow 80's, but the breezes kept it comfortable. Traffic at the tent was slow but steady throughout the day with lots of kids stopping to get their passports stamped. Unfortunately, there were no Clan Henderson members there other than Joan and I, and no Henderson's visited the tent. We gave one visitor a membership form and Clan information for a friend who was a Henderson.
We had ring-side seats for the heavy athletics and took turns roaming the grounds to take in the vendors, music and dancing venues, livestock barn and other clan tents. There was a Parade of CLans at noon where we made sure everyone knew that "The Henderson's were there!". Camping spots were available for those so inclined. Occasional strong gusts kept us on our toes to make sure our tent didn't take flight. We started taking down our displays around 4: 15 and were packed up and heading home by 5 p.m. The drive was beautiful and there is no doubt why they're the Mountaineer State.
Mike Henderson, Convenor
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Yours aye,
Mark Henderson

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 2026

This year's games was attended by approx. 35-40,00 people including conveners for 108 Clans and Societies. Thursday, the first day, was very warm and breezy during the day and perfect in the evening for the Calling of the Clans. Ed Hendricks answered the call for Clan Henderson.

Friday was a beautiful day. Many children visited the Coloring table Jan Burdette set up. Jan also set up an area for people to ask questions about the Clan Henderson Youth Scholarship Program.

Friday and Saturday we held a Silent Auction Benefiting the Youth Scholarship Program. One hundred and forty five dollars was raised. Thank you to all who donated items and bought items at the auction. Ansley Hunnicutt won a Clan Henderson Tartan Kilt which she wore in the Kilted Race and the Tartan Parade.

Coming in second place in the Children's Kilted Race was our own Charles Limberman. Congratulations to Charles!

Brother Dave presented Tonya Nickels with the Order of the Chief's award and to Dan Henderson, Brother Dave presented the Order of the Chief's award with Distinction. Congratulations and thank you to both for your service to the Chief and Clan.

Ed Hendricks, Head of Bodyguards in the SE Region, spoke with and signed up another Bodyguard member.

We had five New Members joining via QR Code, two New Members joining during the games and welcomed back a member returning to the Clan.

Saturday afternoon the clouds rolled in over the mountain and the rain started and continued Sunday but the Massed Band kept playing, the Athletes kept competing, the Highland Dancing kept dancing, the Musicians kept performing and laughter was heard in every tent!

The **Chicago Scottish Games** have not had Clan Henderson representation in quite some time. I stepped up to help make that change. Along with my wife, we set up our Clan tent in a very muddy and wet field. The "Windy" city played havoc with our tent and displays, but we made the best of the situation. The festival was well attended with 64 bands in the competition, and plenty of dancers! participants for the games themselves. 12,000 people came through the gates and fun was had by all! My family and I were very happy to march in the parade of Clans. The Hendersons proudly marched across the field when our name was called out. "The Henderson's are here!"...and we'll be back!

Regards,
Robert (Bob) Henderson

St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival

May 16, 2026
by Charles B. Henderson, Convenor

As anyone who has planned or been involved in an outdoor event knows all too well, the weather is usually the wild card. For the Clan Henderson members who bravely showed up for this year's Scottish festival in St. Louis, we were greeted with intermittent wind and spring rain. Fortunately, the Clan Henderson tent this year was blessed with an abundance of members, notably Suzanne Stephens and her daughter, Jennifer Stephens, along with a wonderful entourage of family members of all ages. Also along for the event was our Regional Commissioner, Bill Henderson, who looked stunning in his modern Henderson trews.

From experience, I can accurately say that this was undoubtedly the largest group of Hendersons we have ever had at the Clan tent in St. Louis, and their presence was welcome indeed. They all brought a number of items for display and discussion with visitors, but, most importantly, they brought their warmth and enthusiasm. That size and enthusiasm were especially helpful during the Parade of Tartans, when the announcer noted the large size of our group in the procession. The only drawback was finding enough room in the tent for everyone as the rain returned. Fortunately, the smarter Clan Henderson members brought a few umbrellas and didn't mind sitting outside the tent so the "the older" members like myself could stay under the tent.

In spite of the rain, the crowd seemed pretty large and diverse, and the visitors came in steady numbers to enjoy the athletes, the musicians, the historical demonstrations, and the array of Scottish- and Celtic-themed vendors.

As we closed out another year, I feel confident that Clan Henderson will continue to thrive and its legacy carried on by young and old alike.

Alba gu Brath!

A Tale of a Modern-Day Cattle Raid

The following two accounts record an infamous reviving incident that took place between two proud clans.

Clan Henderson's Account: A Feat of Cunning & Bravery

It was a sunny afternoon when the steadfast warriors of Clan Henderson crept silently into the territory of Clan Scott. Centuries of Border reiving had taught them the fine arts of stealth, patience, and opportunism.

As they surveyed the landscape, all appeared calm. Peaceful, even. There, resting in plain view, lay a single Highland Coo—completely unguarded. With uncanny precision, the resolute Henderson raiding party crept closer. A thorough scan to the left, to the right, and into the far distance confirmed it: the moment was **now**!

They leaped forward, snatched the prize, and safely retreated to Henderson territory. Their blood quickened with the fierce pride of their reiving ancestors. The getaway was clean; there was no pursuit.

However, a raid without ransom is no raid at all! Clan Henderson demanded booty—a fitting reward for snatching a prized beast right from under the noses of a rival clan.

The next morning, Henderson negotiators marched back into Scott territory. A lone woman was quietly going about her morning duties when the delegation approached. At first, she welcomed the visitors warmly—until the men dramatically unveiled the "Coo."

She gasped, clapping a hand to her mouth in utter astonishment. *"The wee beast is wrapped in Henderson tartan, but it looks like a Clan Scott coo!"*

"Indeed it is, lassie," replied the lead negotiator. *"Tis yours. It looks grand in our tartan, but we've decided to return it in exchange for a suitable reward. Ye'll note we haven't even scorched its hide or filled our bellies with fresh steaks."*

"Why, I dinna ken it was even missing!" she marveled. *"I thought here in Florida, at a grand Scottish Festival in the year of our Lord 2026, the last thing I'd see was reivers stealing cattle!"*

"Aye, lass. 'Tis rare, but 'tis our heritage. We are generally honest laddies, but a coo is a coo, and an unguarded beast quickly changes hands. Now, about that reward…"

Graciously, she accepted the stolen beast back. *"I've just the thing for brave and honest lads at nine in the morning. Accept a dram of whisky from Clan Scott."*

The bottle was opened, and the spirits flowed. The Henderson raiders returned to their camp with warm bellies—not from poached steaks, but from glorious, **free** whisky. Clan Scott enjoyed the rest of the weekend, though it is said they never left that coo unwatched again.

Clan Scott's Account: A Pitiful Display of Shame

It was a beautiful Saturday morning at the 2026 Panama City Beach Highland Games. Our clan tent was just being readied for day two of the festival when a disheveled, shifty-eyed band of men wearing Clan Henderson tartan slunk into view.

"Here," muttered their leader, shuffling his scruffy boots in the dirt and staring down at the ground, overcome with obvious shame and embarrassment. In his trembling hands, he held a bundle wrapped in tattered, questionable cloth. Inside was a stolen Clan Scott coo!

"Give that back, ye dirty thieves!" demanded the Scott tent wardens.

The lead Henderson lip trembled, and he meekly handed over the hostage. With the coo safely returned to civilized territory, low whimpers were heard from the disgraced raiding party.

Taking pity on the pathetic group, the Scots spoke up. *"We want you thieving lowlifes off our land. However, Highland hospitality is our tradition. Have a wee dram before ye drag your flea-infested car-*

casses back to that hovel you call a tent."
Clan Scott generously poured a round of their absolute cheapest whisky—the variety normally reserved for sterilizing cuts or soaking sore feet. The bedraggled Henderson thieves slunk home, delighted with their "reward," while the Clan Scott Highland Coo rested contentedly back in civilized hands.

(The following photographs document the historic moment Clan Henderson returned the captured "Highland Coo" to Clan Scott...)

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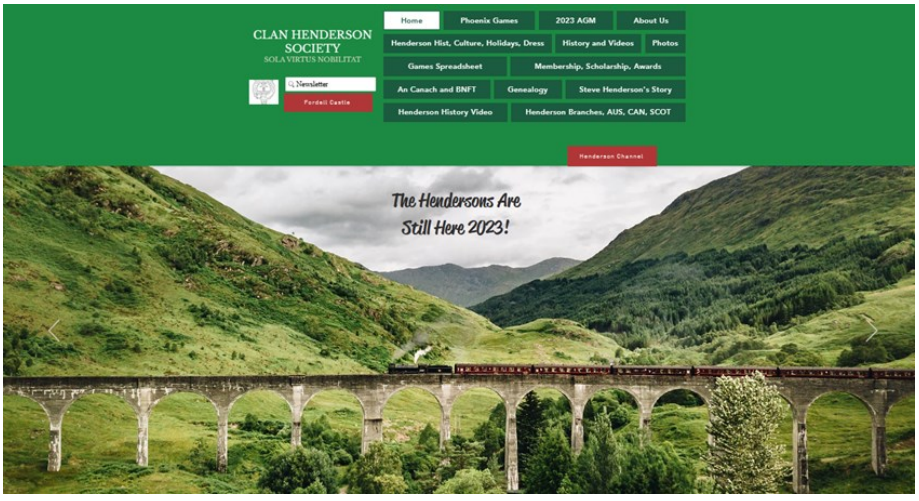

Flowers of the Forest

Dorothy June Henderson (Dottie), age 86 of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, passed away on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Madge Plonkey.

Dottie is survived by her loving husband of nearly 61 years, Lee Henderson; her children, Beth (Rory, Sr.,) Downey, Laura (Dave) Sherman and David (Kelly) Henderson; her siblings, Frank Plonkey, Sr., Jack (Susan) Plonkey and Marybeth (Craig) Lehto; and her grandchildren, Rory (Diana) Downey, Jr., Joey Hartman and Briana Sherman.

Born in Warren, Michigan, Dottie was raised in Aurora, Colorado, where she graduated from Aurora High School in 1957. Driven by a deep passion for helping others, in 1959 she received her RN from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Denver, Colorado. While working as a nurse in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1963, she met the love of her life, Lee, a Naval Aviation Officer. The two were married on September 19, 1964, beginning a lifelong partnership filled with love, adventure, and service. As a devoted Navy wife, Dottie embraced the nomadic life of supporting Lee and her family as they moved across the United States several times.

Her commitment to care did not stop there. In 1980, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Nursing and later graduated with her Master's degree in Social Work at Marymount College in Arlington, Virginia, expanding her ability to serve others in meaningful ways.

Her professional journey reflected her compassion and versatility. While living in Severna Park, Maryland, she served as a Registered Nurse at Hospice of the Chesapeake and later worked as a social worker, specializing in alcohol and drug counseling. She co-founded and owned Arundel Interiorscape with her best friend Peg Odell — a testament to her entrepreneurial spirit and creativity.

Dottie had a deep appreciation for culture and history. She was one of the founding members of the Marco Island (Florida) Historical Museum and a devoted genealogist who enjoyed discovering family roots. A talented amateur gourmet cook, she delighted in entertaining friends and family, and she especially loved traveling the world and sailing with her loved ones.

Faith played a central role in Dottie's life. She was raised in a Roman Catholic family and was a devout Christian throughout her life. She lived her beliefs through acts of kindness, selflessness, and care for others. She was actively involved in her Scottish heritage, serving as Recording Secretary for Clan Henderson and was a member of Clan Hamilton.

Dottie's warmth, generosity, and unshakable devotion to family and community touched the lives of everyone who knew her. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dottie's name to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 502 Jackson Ave, Ocean Springs, MS 39564 or to the Marco Island Historical Society, 180 South Heathwood Drive Marco Island, Florida 34145 https://themihs.info/donate-2/ or to the MS Nurse Honor Guard – Gulf Coast Chapter, gulfcoastnursehonorguard@gmail.com

A Memorial Mass was held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 502 Jackson Ave., Ocean Springs, MS 39564, with visitation beginning at 10:30 am. A reception followed Mass at Riemann Family Funeral Home, 13872 Lemoyne Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39532 in West Jackson County..

Flowers of the Forest continues…

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Commander Lee Herman Henderson, United States Navy, Ret., a distinguished Navy pilot and navigator, engineer, sailor, educator, and community leader passed away peacefully on May 3, 2026, at the age of 87. A man of remarkable intellect, courage, and dedication, Lee lived a life defined by service to his country, devotion to family, and a spirit of adventure that carried him across the oceans and skies of the world.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, on September 6, 1938, Lee developed an early passion for engineering, aviation, and exploration. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geophysical Engineering from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan, before continuing his education with a Master of Science degree in Engineering Acoustics from the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Following graduation from Michigan Tech and completion of Navy Flight Training in 1962, Lee began an extraordinary military career as a Naval Aviator. He served as a pilot, navigator, and Anti-Submarine Warfare mission commander flying P-3 Orion aircraft throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans and the South China Sea during the Vietnam era. His assignments took him around the globe, including Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Japan, Okinawa, the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, India, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Spain, Iceland, Norway, Bermuda, and beyond. Lee became a highly respected airborne navigator and instructor, teaching advanced navigation and ocean physics to replacement pilots and fellow officers.

During his distinguished naval career, Lee also served in undersea surveillance and defense systems management with the Naval Electronic Systems Command at Crystal City, in Washington, D.C. His leadership and technical expertise contributed significantly to national defense initiative and advanced oceanic surveillance programs. In recognition of his service, he received the Distinguished Service Medals and numerous military honors. After twenty years of dedicated service, he retired from the United States Navy to pursue a second successful career in engineering and defense technology.

Lee joined Westinghouse, which later became Northrup Grumman where he held senior management positions in advanced undersea systems, surveillance technologies, and oceanic development programs. His work helped pioneer innovations in synthetic aperture sonar, unmanned underwater vehicle sensors, hydrophone technology, and mine detection systems. Colleagues admired him for both his technical brilliance and his ability to inspire those around him.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Lee was an avid sailor whose love for the sea spanned decades. He owned and captained a cruising sailboat and a PDQ catamaran, logging countless nautical miles throughout the Chesapeake Bay, Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Great Lakes, Atlantic Coast, Mississippi River system, Panama Canal, Bermuda, and even transatlantic voyages. He served as organizer and Commodore of the PDQ Catamaran Owners Association and Commodore of the Sailing Association of Marco Island (SAMII).

In 2004, Lee also dedicated many years to the Civil Air Patrol on Marco Island, Florida, where he attained the rank of Lt. Colonel and served as Commander of the Marco Island Squadron. He was named Florida Wing Commander of the year in 2013. He had 12 CAP ribbons and held 21 Emergency Services specialty qualifications. Under two of his commands, his squadron received Highly Successful for both Florida Wing Subordinate Unit Inspections. He was a Civil

Air Patrol pilot who participated in 60 Homeland Security missions, 40 Counterdrug Missions, and was an Incident Commander for missions. Lee displayed exceptional leadership, professional confidence, and devotion to duty in the performance of all his assignments in Emergency Services as Incident Commander, and as Squadron Commander. In 2017, Lee transferred to the Mississippi State Civil Air Patrol. He was also a licensed HAM radio operator and mentor to many aspiring aviators and sailors.

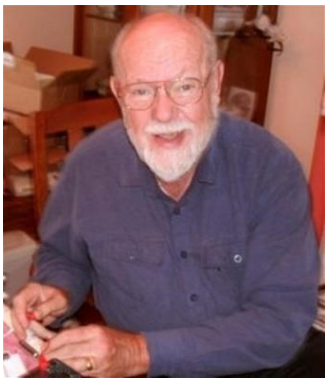
In Mississippi, Lee was active in the community through the Magnolia Classic Cruisers Car Club and the Gulf Coast Studebakers Cruisers Club. In his early 80's, his brother, Merle, gifted him a 1951 Studebaker Starlight Coupe, which he proudly and completely restored. He also owned a 1964 Dodge Polara 500 convertible that he and his family enjoyed brand new. Lee was also an avid gardener since planting his first garden as a young boy. He was a lifelong lover of nature and especially enjoyed spending time in his yard feeding and watching the birds, squirrels, and even his backyard opossum friends.

Lee took pride in being a founding member of American Legion 404 on Marco Island, Florida. A proud Eagle Scout and former Assistant District Commissioner for the Baltimore Area Boy Scouts, Lee believed deeply in leadership, service, and lifelong learning. He traveled to six continents and navigated both aircraft and yachts across many of the world's major oceans and waterways.

Lee is preceded in death by Dottie his beloved wife of 60 years; his parents, Andrew and Marion Henderson, and his brother-in-law Harlan Graves. He is survived by his children, Beth (Rory) Downey, Sr., Laura (David) Sherman, and David (Kelly) Henderson; his grandchildren, Rory (Diana) Downey, Jr., Joseph Hartman, and Briana Sherman; his siblings, Merle (Karen) Henderson, Nina Henderson Graves, and Julie (David) Henderson Utschig; along with extended family, loving kitties, and dear friends.

Lee was laid to rest alongside his devoted wife, Dottie, in Arlington Cemetery with full Military Honors. Donations can be made to: American Legion Post 404 525 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island, FL 34145 and/or St. Alphonsus Church, 502 Jackson Ave., Ocean Springs, MS 39564.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 29, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 502 Jackson Ave., Ocean Springs, MS.



Henry Newton "Hank" McCarl, PhD, 83, died suddenly on January 3, 2025, in Beverly, MA, twenty-one days before his 84th birthday.
Henry was larger than life in stature, intellect, and laughter. He was born in Baltimore, MD to Mary B. Yaeger McCarl of Baltimore and Frederick Henderson McCarl of Mapleton Junction, PA. As a bright young man, he left Baltimore to attend MIT, where he was a proud graduate of the class of 1962. He completed his MS in Geology and his PhD in Mineral Economics at Penn State University.
Henry spent most of his professional career teaching Economics in the Business School and being Adjunct Professor of Geology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He was also a Fulbright Senior Lecturer at the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest, Romania (1977-78).
Henry was the proud father of three children with his first wife, Louise Rys McCarl (d. 1998).
Over the years he was also well known for his work with the Alabama State Highway Department, the Boy Scouts, the Birmingham and Gloucester Planning Boards, St Andrew's Society, Sons of Union Veterans and the Sons of the American Revolution. Henry served as the President General of the SAR for 2002-2003, and was a presence at State SAR meetings throughout the Southeast and New England. He also served as secretary of his MIT class of 1962 for many years. In his spare time, he was also a beekeeper, an amateur radio operator (W4RIG since 1958), an avid collector of coins and stamps, and a 16 gallon blood donor to the American Red Cross.
Henry and his beloved wife, Mary Rhinelander McCarl, married at St John's Episcopal Church in1987 and retired to Gloucester in 2001. They were active members of the Rose Baker Senior Center and St John's until their deaths.
Henry was preceded in death by his daughter Katherine McCarl Maisel (Mark), and wife Mary R. McCarl. He is survived by daughter, Patricia Louise McCarl (Sussi) of Atlanta, GA, son, Frederick James McCarl (April) of Oneonta, AL, stepdaughter, Francesca C Morgan (Chuck Steinwedel) of Evanston, Illinois. He was the doting grandfather of Sarah Chee Maisel (Craig Chee), James Edward McCarl (Maia), Daniel Greene Steinwedel, Templeton George Steinwedel, Stephen Young, Sabrina Jones, David Henry McCarl (Katie), Noah Zachary McCarl, and Paul John McCarl. He is also the great-grandfather to multiple boys and girls who will miss him terribly.
A celebration of life was held at St John's Episcopal Church in Gloucester on Friday, May 16, 2025.
In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his name to an animal rescue organization of your choice.

He was Clam Henderson Society member number 57, having joined in 1989.

We received a note that Wallace G. Henderson of St Louis passed away on 7/1/2026. No contact information was provided for the surviving family. He was Member No. 2286, Saint Louis, MO.

LONGEVITY PINS

Mid East	352	HENDERSON	Steven W.	Knoxville	MD	USA	35
Mid East	352	HENDERSON	Janeil S.	Knoxville	MD	USA	35
South East	374	HENDRICKS, Jr.	Edwin P.	Demorest	GA	USA	35
South Pacific	401	HARMON	Sandra	Rancho Cordova	CA	USA	35
Mid South	773	HENDERSON	Alan R.	KINGSPORT	TN	USA	25
Central	2765	SMART	Audrey	Brooklyn Park	MN	USA	25
Mid East	2902	CLONTS	Timothy L.	Warrenton	VA	USA	25
Mid East	2902	CLONTS	Marie	Warrenton	VA	USA	25
Mid South	2928	HENDERSON	Harold Keith	Scottsboro	AL	USA	25
South East	3772	HENDERSON	Dennis R.	Hendersonville	NC	USA	15
South East	5031	CRITES	Darlene Hazel	Clarksville	TN	USA	5
South Pacific	5165	DERENDINGER	Marc	Felton	CA	USA	5
South East	5178	IZZELL	James	Gardner	NC	USA	5
Great Lakes	5190	HENDERSON	Nicole	Ypsilanti	MI	USA	5
Oceania	5217	HENDERSON	Stephen	Baldivis	WA	AU	5

NEW MEMBERS

Far South	5590	HENDERSON	Mark	Austin	TX	USA
North East	5591	HENDRY	Ryan	Cheshire	CT	USA
Oceania	5592	HENDERSON	John Nevison	Erindale		AU
South East	5593	HENDERSON	James	Palm Bay	FL	USA
Mid South	5594	HENDERSON	Douglas	Greeneville	TN	USA
Canada	5595	HENDERSON	Melissa	Cumberland Beach	ON	CAN
Great Lakes	5596	HENDERSON	Christopher	Delaware	OH	USA
South East	5597	JENSEN	Dawn	Banner Elk	NC	USA
Great Lakes	5598	SISSON	Heidi	Ann Arbor	MI	USA
South East	5599	BIVINS	Kevin	Chester	SC	USA
South East	5600	KNARR	Karen	Chickamauga	GA	USA
Mid South	5601	TURNER	Jon	Monteagle	TN	USA

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